NEW PEIA ACCOUNT INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Thank you for considering WV Public Employees Insurance Agency! This manual will help guide you through the process of enrolling your agency and employees.

First, your agency will need to provide the following information and documents to PEIA to verify your eligibility for participation:

- o Number of regular full-time employees in your agency;
- o Copies of your most recent financial statement and/or independent auditor's report;
- o Funding statement which reflects that your agency receives a majority of its funding from one or more local government entities; or
- A photocopy of either the West Virginia Code section which provides for the establishment of your agency or documentation including Articles of Incorporation and By Laws, if applicable, which reflect that your agency was established by a local government entity.

PEIA may review the financial viability of your organization prior to approving your application.

Once your agency has been approved for participation with PEIA, your employees will need to enroll for their benefits. Instructions follow for enrolling for benefits online or by using paper forms.

Prior to enrollment, your agency should review the enclosed information regarding PEIA's benefits and premiums:

- o The Shopper's Guide provides a quick look at plan benefits and monthly premium costs. Please refer to the top section of pages 30 and 31 for non-state agency rates. These are total rates which include the RHBT (Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund) amount. The total amount, including the "PayGo," must be paid. The percentage paid by your agency and your employees respectively is decided by your agency's policies.
- The Summary Plan Description provides more detailed information on eligibility for and coverage provided through PEIA's PPB Plans.
- o Minnesota Life Insurance book and rates sheet.
- o Instructions to register and complete enrollment for benefits online.
- o Enrollment forms and instructions.
- o Sample Agency Memorandum.
- o Sample Agency Agreement.
- o OPEB explanation regarding GASB Statements 43 and 45.
- o RHBT Opt Out/Hold Harmless Agreement.

Please note that all agencies are required to register and log in to Manage My Benefits at the official PEIA web site (www.wvpeia.com) in order to access employee transactions and premium account information, including monthly billing information. PEIA does not generate paper invoices or transmit them through the U.S. Mail or by any other means except online. Invoices are accessed on the Web Contributions Site through Manage My Benefits (part of the Benefits Administration System, or BAS).

Because online communication is the primary mode of completing your account tasks, and the only mode for making payments to PEIA, it is imperative that your agency assign a Benefit Coordinator (to assist employees in benefit enrollments and changes) and a Web Contributions Coordinator (to handle bill processing). These two coordinator roles can be assigned to one or more employees of your agency. Before an employee can be designated as a PEIA coordinator, they will be required to complete training on the basic policies, procedures, and responsibilities related to their position.

An employee designated as a PEIA coordinator should follow the enclosed instructions to register online in Manage My Benefits. They should register as a policyholder (as applicable), Benefit Coordinator and/or Web Contributions Coordinator. Once their registration has been validated through e-mail, they can print out the appropriate Designation Forms to become a coordinator. These forms need to be signed by the employee as well as the agency director and returned to PEIA before the coordinator role can be activated.

Training is also required for new coordinators. Please contact MickiAnne Henkels, PEIA Benefit Coordinator Liaison, at (888) 680-7342, Extension 52633, so that she may provide assistance with registration and arrange training for your agency's coordinators.

REGISTERING AND ENROLLING THROUGH THE

PEIA MANAGE MY BENEFITS SYSTEM

Using PEIA's Manage My Benefits system, you can enroll for Basic, Optional, and Dependent Life insurance, as well as your health coverage. Your benefit coordinator should have provided you with:

- A copy of the PEIA Summary Plan Description,
- A Shopper's Guide that shows the premiums for all available plans,
- Instructions for acquiring the Summary of Benefits & Coverage, and
- The Life Insurance booklet.

If you didn't get a hard copy, the three books listed above are available on the PEIA website at www.wvpeia.com. Just click on Forms and Downloads.

Before you get started using the Manage My Benefits system, you'll need:

- 1. A working e-mail address. You may use an employer-provided e-mail, a personal e-mail account, or may set up a free e-mail account using a service like Gmail or Yahoo. Just please remember the e-mail address you use to register as you may need it for future access changes.
- 2. Names, addresses and, preferably, Social Security Numbers for individuals you intend to carry as dependents on your coverage(s) and/or name as beneficiaries of your life insurance policies (to receive the proceeds when you pass).
- 3. A user name and password you can remember; these <u>cannot</u> be your e-mail address.
- 4. Documentation substantiating any dependents you intend to enroll in the plan. For a list of the documentation we'll accept, see the Summary Plan Description.

If you've gathered all of that, please visit www.wvpeia.com and click on the Manage My Benefits button at the top right corner of the page. When you enter the Manage My Benefits site for the first time:

a. Click on "Need to Register"

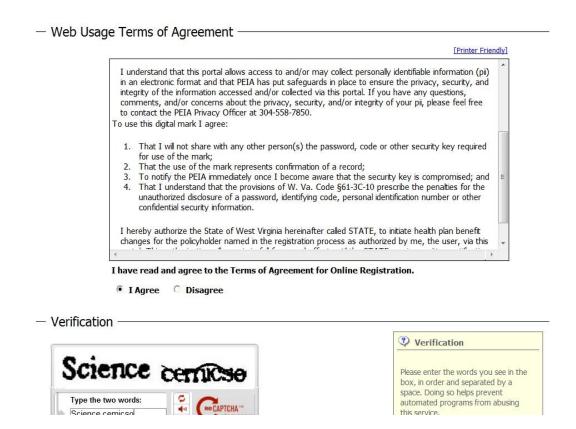


b. Select "I am applying for PEIA coverage for the first time"

Benefits Ad (BAS) Web	ministration System Application
	New User Registration
	Please select all that apply: I am applying for PEIA coverage for the first time. I currently have PEIA coverage (as a policyholder or dependent). I have previously had PEIA coverage (as a policyholder or dependent). I am the Benefit Coordinator and/or Web Contributions Coordinator for an agency. I am a member of PEIA Staff.
	Continue
	Contact PEIA Site Feedback TESTING SITE This site was designed for IE 8.0 and above. Other web browsers may not be supported.

c. Enter your information, accept the Web Usage Terms of Agreement, type in the Verification Code, and hit the "Continue" button.



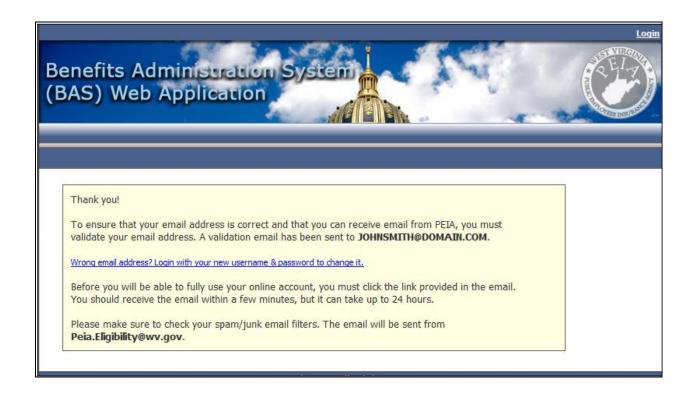


d. Create your user name (do NOT use your e-mail address as your user name) and password, enter your e-mail address, select and answer the 3 security questions, and hit "continue"

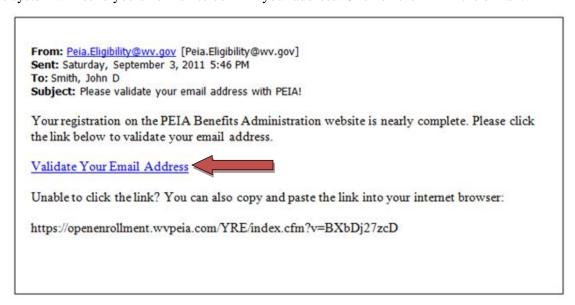


Your email address will be used for communication regarding your web account and/or PEIA	② Email Address
Benefits. Email addresses <u>can not</u> be shared between accounts (e.g., between a husband and wife who are both PEIA policyholders). If you do not have an email address, check with your Internet Service Provider (ISP) as many provide free email accounts to their subscribers.	To verify your email address was entered correctly, you will be emailed a validation link that you must click before your will be able to use the
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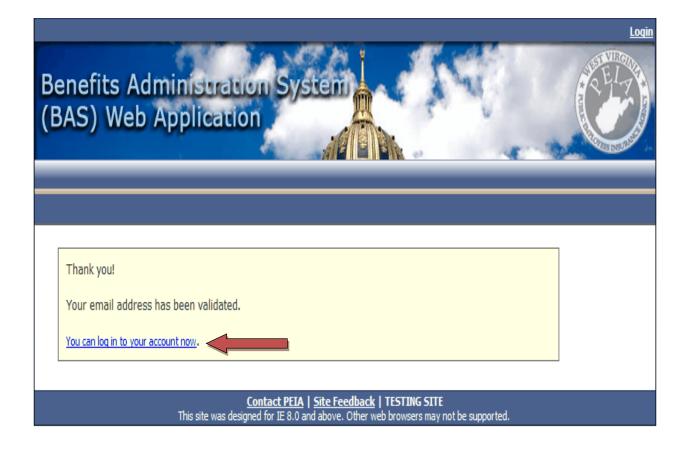
e. Once you have completed this, your account has been created, and you will see this screen:



f. The system will send you an e-mail to confirm your address. Click on the link in the e-mail:



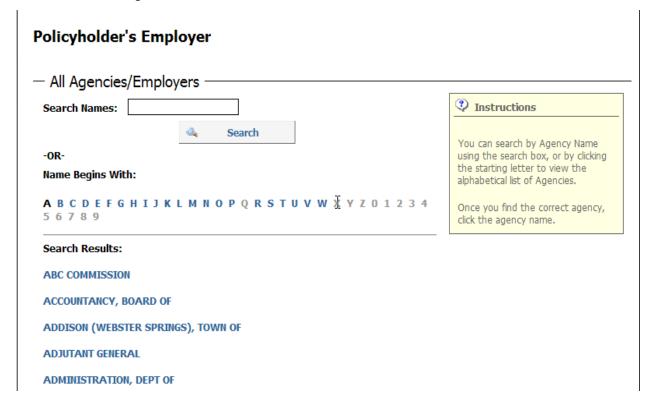
g. After validating your e-mail address, click on the link to log in and complete the registration process.



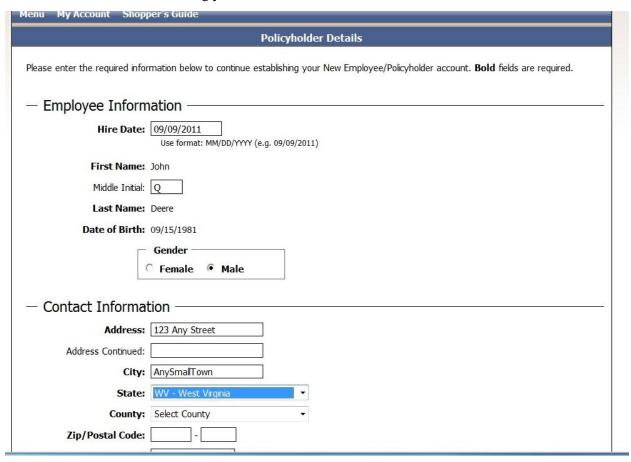
h. Log in to your account with the user name and password you created earlier. You will then see this screen:



i. Click on first letter of your agency name and then select the name of your employer from an alphabetical list. Please choose carefully! If you choose the wrong agency, it can delay the effective date of your insurance coverage!



j. You will then see a screen asking you to enter additional information. Click SAVE when finished.



k. You should then see a screen similar to this:



Add Coordinator Roles here I. The Manage My Benefits system will walk you through the enrollment process, offering all of the health and life coverage available. The first step is Basic Life insurance, since no coverage is available without the Basic Life. As you complete portions of your enrollment, new options will become available on the enrollment screen, until you've completed the entire process.



- m. You must SAVE and FINALIZE each type of coverage separately as you complete each screen. You will be able to print out a summary of your choices using the "View My Pending Changes" button on the main menu once you have completed enrolling for your benefits.
- n. Once you've completed your online enrollment, the Manage My Benefits system will send an e-mail to your benefit coordinator notifying him/her. You MUST take the documentation of your dependents' eligibility (see #5 above) to your benefit coordinator NOW. Your benefit coordinator cannot approve your enrollment until he or she has documentation in hand. If you don't get your documentation turned in promptly, it could delay the start of your benefits!
- O. When your benefit coordinator has approved your enrollment, you will receive an e-mail letting you know it's done. If for some reason your benefit coordinator has to disapprove your enrollment, the system will send you an e-mail with the reason for the disapproval. You'll need to go back online or contact your benefit coordinator to fix whatever the problem is.

If for some reason you have to log out of the system in the middle of your enrollment, you can log back into the system later to complete your work. Just remember that you have the month you're hired and the following two months to make your selections. Coverage begins on the first day of the month following the date you complete your enrollment; if you wait too long, you could delay the effective date of your new coverage. If you do not enroll for coverage during the month you're hired or the following two months, you will have to wait until you have a qualifying event or until the next Open Enrollment.

Although PEIA prefers all transactions and enrollments be completed online in the Manage My Benefits System, if your agency has employees who are unable to access the online enrollment system, enrollment forms and instructions begin on the following page.

Basic Life Insurance Enrollment Form

Employees must enroll in Basic Life Insurance in order to carry health insurance, optional life insurance, and/or dependent life insurance. Basic life premiums are paid by the employer.

Agency Name: Your agency name as it appears on your PEIA monthly billing.

Agency Account Number: Your 9-digit account number as it appears on your PEIA monthly billing.

Date of Employment: Date Employee was hired or the **date he or she became benefit-eligible**.

Hours Worked Weekly: Number of hours the employee works each week.

Effective date of Coverage: When completing the form, enter the first day of the month following date of enrollment (the date the employee signs the forms and returns it to you to elect the coverage). Remember that the employee must be actively at work for coverage to begin.

Index Code: Leave blank.

Region: Leave blank.

Coverage Code: Mark with code LB01 for basic life.

Authorized Signature: Your signature as the Benefit Coordinator.

Date: The date you sign the form. Forms should be signed immediately upon receipt from the policyholder.

State of West Virginia ★ Public Employees Insurance Agency Basic Life Insurance Enrollment Form

BASIC LIFE

ý	Complete this form to enroll for PEIA basic life insurance coverage. Complete all sections of the form except the last section, "AGENCY", and return it to your benefit coordinator.							
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AFFIDAVIT	Please mark which members of the family use tobacco and sign the acceptance box below. If none of the people enrolled on your PEIA coverage uses tobacco, you will receive the discount on your PEIA PPB Plan health coverage (if any) and optional life insurance premiums. I acknowledge by signing the Acceptance box below that WVPEIA or its agents have access to my medical records to check my tobacco use status.							
	Who uses tobacco: ☐ P	olicyholder 🛮 🗅	ependent (spo	use and/or	children) 🛭	l No Tobacco U	sers within th	ne last six (6) months
ACCEPTANCE	I hereby accept the basic life insurance. I understand that the PEIA may change the types or levels of benefits or the amount of contribution. I certify that the above information is true and correct and understand that providing false information on this form illegal and that those who provide false information may be prosecuted.							
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Health Benefits Enrollment Form

Employees may enroll for health insurance when your agency begins participation with PEIA, when they are newly hired, have a qualifying event, or during open enrollment. Non-state agencies participating with PEIA must offer employees a choice from all available plans.

Agency Name: Your agency name as it appears on your PEIA monthly billing.

Account Number: Your 9-digit number found on the monthly billing invoice.

Date of Employment: Date Employee was hired or the **date he or she became benefit-eligible**.

Hours Worked Weekly: Number of hours the employee works each week.

Effective date of Coverage: When completing the form, enter the first day of the month following date of enrollment (the date the employee signs the forms to elect the coverage). Remember that the employee must be actively at work for coverage to begin.

Index Code: Leave blank.

Region: Leave blank.

Coverage Code: Please use one of the codes below to indicate which plan the policyholder chose:

HI01 PEIA PPB Plan A
HI02 PEIA PPB Plan B
HI03 PEIA PPB Plan C
H104 PEIA PPB Plan D

HMHP - A Health Plan HMO Plan A HMHP - B Health Plan HMO Plan B HMHP - C Health Plan HMO Plan C

Enter one of the following letters **beside the Coverage Code** to show the tier of coverage the employee has selected:

P = Policyholder Only

F = Policyholder, Spouse and Children

C = Policyholder and Children Only

S = Policyholder and Spouse Only (generates same premium as Family)

A completed Coverage code could look like this: **HI01 – P**, or like this: **HMHP-B-F**.

Authorized Signature: Your signature as the Benefit Coordinator.

Date: The date you sign the form. Forms should be signed immediately upon receipt from the policyholder.

Please note that documentation is required for dependents (birth and marriage certificates, adoption papers, etc.). Documents should be submitted with the enrollment forms.

State of West Virginia - Public Employees Insurance Agency Health Benefits Enrollment Form

HEALTH

Complete this form to enroll for health coverage. Complete all sections of the form except "AGENCY."

	Name (Last) (F:	int)	(MI)	(Ga	neration	r Jr., Sr., etc.)	Social Security Number	r
	Street Address					County of	Residence	Home Phone	
ŒE	City St	ate	Zip			Job Title		Work Phone	
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s	coverage uses tobacco, you will receive the discount on your health and life insurance premiums. I acknowledge by signing the Acceptance box below that WVPEIA or its agents have access to my medical records to check my tobacco use status.								
AVIT	Who uses tobacco: ☐ Policyholder ☐ Dependent (spouse and/or children) ☐ No Tobacco Users within the last six (6) months								
AFFIDAVITS	Living Will Affidavit: PEIA If you have a valid living will								lvance Directive.
	☐ By checking this box, I accontents with the appropriate							ctive, and that I hav	ve discussed its
ACCEPTANCE	I hereby accept the group coverage I have indicated above. I understand that the PEIA may change the types or levels of benefits or the amount of contribution. I certify that the above information is true and correct and understand that providing false information on this form is illegal and that those who provide false information may be prosecuted. I hereby consent, for myself and my covered dependents, to the release to PEIA and to the plan I have selected, of all medical and prescription drug information needed to process claims, determine coverage, review utilization, investigate complaints, assess quality of care, evaluate plan performance or any other process involved in my treatment, payment of claims or health care operations.				e information on l my covered eeded to process				
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Optional and Dependent Life Insurance Enrollment Form (OPT)

Employees may enroll for optional and/or dependent life insurance when your agency begins participation with PEIA or when an employee is newly hired. This is the employee's **one opportunity** to get up to \$100,000 optional life insurance coverage **with no medical information** being required. Active employees may apply for up to \$500,000 total optional life insurance on themselves. Dependent life insurance covers spouses and qualified dependents, and the policy is payable to the policyholder (employee).

Agency Name: Your agency name as it appears on your PEIA monthly billing.

Account Number: Your 9-digit agency account number as it appears on your billing.

OPT Plan: Use the option code below based on the plan chosen by the employee.

Active Employee Plan Number	Option Code
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Plan I	100
Plan II	200
Plan III	300
Plan IV	400
Plan V	500
Plan VI	600
Plan VII	650
Plan VIII	700
Plan IX	750
Plan X	800
Plan XI	900
Plan XII	950
Plan XIII	951
Plan XIV	952
Plan XV	953
Plan XVI	954

Plan XVII	955
Plan XVIII	956

If an employee chooses more than \$100,000 of coverage, he or she will be required to complete an Evidence of Insurability; a packet that will be sent to them by the life insurance carrier.

Dep. Plan: Use the option code below based on the plan chosen by the employee.

Dependent Plan Number	Option Code
1	100
2	200
3	300
4	400
5	500

Date of Employment: Date Employee was hired or the **date he or she became benefit-eligible**.

Effective date of Coverage: When completing the form, enter the first day of the month following date of enrollment (the date the employee signs the forms to elect the coverage). Remember that the employee must be actively at work for coverage to begin.

Authorized Signature: Your signature as the Benefit Coordinator.

Date: The date you signed the form. Forms should be signed immediately upon receipt from the policyholder.

SUBMITTING YOUR PAPERWORK

Once your agency has been approved for participation with PEIA, your employees should each complete:

Basic Life Enrollment Form Health Benefits Enrollment Form Optional/Dependent Life Form (if they choose)

With these forms you will need to send copies of required documents to PEIA for processing.

To cover your **spouse**, submit a copy of the **marriage certificate**.

To cover a **dependent**, submit a copy of the **birth certificate**, adoption papers, or court order for guardianship.

Dependents may be covered up to the age of 26.

Mail all enrollment forms and documents to:

PEIA Eligibility 601 57th. St., S.E., Suite 2 Charleston, WV 25304

If you have any questions, please contact PEIA at 888-680-7342.

SAMPLE AGENCY MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM

TO: AGENCY NAME

FROM: PEIA REPRESENTATIVE

DATE: DATE

RE: Participation in PEIA Benefits Program

The West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency has received your resolution adopting the PEIA Benefits Programs.

Enclosed are two Participation Agreements, along with Summary Plan Description booklets, enrollment materials (i.e., basic and optional life enrollment forms and rate tables, etc.) necessary for enrollment of your employees. Please read this information carefully.

Both Participation Agreements must be signed by the Chairman or appointed authority of your governing body. Both signed agreements must be returned to this office prior to the effective date assigned to your agency. Upon receipt, the PEIA Director will sign and return a copy of the completed agreement to your agency for your records.

No agency will be enrolled without a complete Participation Agreement on file in this office. Failure to return said agreements before your designated effective date will result in a delay of insurance coverage.

The (DATE) of coverage for <u>all employees</u> electing enrollment in the WV Employee Benefit Plan is contingent upon the timely submission of the health and life enrollment forms.

Employee's enrollment forms received after the above referenced enrollment period will not become effective until the first of the month following the date PEIA received the enrollment form.

If it occurs that your agency has not submitted any insurance enrollment forms by the end of the designated enrollment date, coverage for your agency will not become effective until the following month or possibly later depending upon the receipt of the forms.

It is of the utmost importance PEIA receives these forms. As a forewarning, failure to comply may result in lapse in your employee's benefits.

The enrollment period of eligible employees will begin on (DATE), and end on (DATE).

All employees who enroll during this period will be effective (DATE). You are assigned the account number of (NUMBER) for identification and accounting purposes.

To determine the enrollment and effective date of coverage for employees who enroll after the above date, please refer to your PEIA Summary Plan Description booklet or contact me in-state toll free at (877) 676-5573.

SAMPLE AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT

	e Ag	Agreement, entered into this day of ency, an agency of the State of West Virginia, hereinafter re-	
situated		County, West Virginia, hereinafter referred to as ereas, the PEIA is authorized by W. Va. Code §5-16-1 et seq., to	offer a health benefit plan (hereinafter referred to as "PEIA Plan") to
	es sen		lents and to employees and retirees of certain non-State governmental
	Wh	ereas, the Agency has requested that it be permitted to participate	e in the PEIA Plan; and
participa		ereas, the Agency has submitted certain documentation to the the PEIA Plan; and	PEIA in order that the PEIA may evaluate the Agency's request to
follows:	Nov	s, therefore, for good and valuable consideration and the mutu	al covenants contained herein, the PEIA and the Agency do agree as
	1.		m of three years from the execution of this Agreement. The Agency any ability the Agency may have in the future to re-enroll in the PEIA
	2.	The Agency agrees that PEIA will be the exclusive major med Agreement.	ical health plan offered to its employees during the entire term of this
	3.	The Agency shall pay to the PEIA a fee of \$12.00 per enrolled PEIA Plan.	employee as a fee for joining or being readmitted to participate in the
	4.	Said fee shall apply at the time the employee is enrolled with the	.00, per year, per enrolled employee to cover administrative expenses. the PEIA and shall be payable at such time as the charge appears on the ative expenses will occur on July 1 of each year that the Agency
	5.	The Agency agrees that all outstanding premium balances or for made current and fully resolved prior to the effective date of this	ees that exist as a result of previous membership in the PEIA shall be a Agreement.
	6.	The Agency agrees to make monthly premium payments no Addendum A of this Agreement, or in such amended amounts a	later than the 5th of the following month in the amounts set forth in a are approved by the PEIA Finance Board.
	7.		or premium payments provided for herein may result in a lapse of tion of this Agreement by the PEIA with no advance notice by PEIA.
	8.		A only through online electronic transactions on the PEIA Benefits elemented by PEIA. Such transactions include, but are not limited to,
	9.	The PEIA agrees to provide to the Agency's PEIA members tho	se benefits as are set forth in the PEIA Plan.
	10.		otice of its intent to withdraw from the Plan. Termination of this following receipt of the notice (e.g., a notice received on June 15 will
	11.		emium payment set forth herein as is approved by the PEIA Finance icable laws and regulations of this State. The PEIA shall provide the ments or changes before they are implemented.
	12.	Health Benefit Trust to the extent the Agency has any present	gh its participation in PEIA, also a participant in the W. Va. Retired or future employees who are or will become eligible to receive PEIA I that, regardless of an agency's participation status in the WV OPEB al Employer Payment (MAEP).
	13.		t it pay to the PEIA for its retirees who participate in the PEIA Plan the es, whether or not the Agency elects to remain with the PEIA for its
	14.	County Governments. The Agency accepts and agrees that	n PEIA is its creation, ownership or control by West Virginia City or should it ever become partially or wholly controlled or owned by lovernments, the Agency shall no longer be eligible to participate in
	15.	All notices provided for herein shall be sent by first class mail, J	oostage pre-paid and addressed as follows:
		WV Public Employees Insurance Agency	
		601 57th Street, SE, Suite 2 Charleston, West Virginia 25304-2345	
	16.	The Agreement represents the full and complete understanding their successors.	of the PEIA and Agency and shall be binding on the parties hereto and
West Vir	ginia	Public Employees Insurance Agency	
By:		By:	
_	Te	d Cheatham, PEIA Director	(Name and Title)

OPEB EXPLANATION REGARDING GASB STATEMENTS 43 AND 45

Regarding: GASB 45 – Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

The Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA), on behalf of the West Virginia Retiree Health Benefits Trust Fund (Trust), would like to offer this fact sheet to help provide affected employers a better understanding of the new reporting requirement known as "Other Postemployment Benefits" (OPEB).

Governmental Accounting Standards Board

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the highest authority over the financial reporting of governmental entities. It is a private, non-partisan, non-profit organization that works to create and improve the rules U.S. governmental entities follow when accounting for their finances and reporting them to the public. When the GASB officially issues a Statement, any governmental entity that wants to follow Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) must adopt it. GASB accounting rules must be followed in order to achieve a fair and proper presentation of the government's financial condition and the results of its operations.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 43, "Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans," and Statement No. 45, "Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions."

The Background of OPEB

OPEB, as the name implies, is any benefit after employment that the employer provides its employees that is not a pension plan benefit. Historically, governmental entities, West Virginia entities included, have accounted for their cost of retiree health care on a "pay as you go" basis and have recognized the cost only when it is paid. However, with the release of GASB Statements 43 and 45, the "pay as you go" basis is no longer acceptable. Employers must now recognize the costs when the employees render their services and the benefit is earned.

The West Virginia OPEB Plan

Currently, PEIA retirees are charged premiums that only cover approximately 30% of their health care costs. The remaining 70% is paid through premiums charged for active PEIA policies. This 70% is commonly referred to as the "retiree subsidy". This subsidy is also known as "pay as you go", as mentioned above.

The West Virginia OPEB Plan offers its health insurance benefits through the following West Virginia employers:

- State government and its agencies;
- State-related colleges and universities;
- County boards of education;
- County and municipal governments; and
- Other employers as specified in WV Code §5-16-2.

A retired employee, as defined by WV Code §5-16-2, may elect to enroll in health coverage through PEIA if all eligibility requirements are met. PEIA specifies the health care benefit to be provided at retirement and, therefore, the retiree's coverage is considered a defined benefit OPEB plan.

The West Virginia OPEB (WV OPEB) plan has been defined as a cost-sharing multiple employer plan, which is defined in Paragraph 40 of GASB 45 as follows:

Cost-Sharing Multiple-Employer Plan: A single plan with pooling (cost-sharing) arrangements for the participating employers. All risks, rewards, and costs, including benefit costs, are shared and are not attributed individually to the

employers. A single actuarial valuation covers all plan members, and the same contribution rate(s) applies for each employer.

Expense/Liability Recognition Requirements of Cost-Sharing Plans

In a cost-sharing plan, the contribution rate or amount charged to an individual employer may be higher or lower than the amount that would result from a calculation based on the projected benefits of only that employer's employees. Moreover, the obligation or commitment for benefits is not directly attributable to any individual participating employer.

Since the obligation of a cost-sharing plan cannot be broken out to apply to one single employer, the expense/liability recognition requirements for a cost-sharing plan are different than those of a single employer or agent plan. Specifically, Paragraph 23 of GASB 45 requires employers that participate in cost-sharing plans to "recognize annual OPEB expense/expenditures for their contractually required contributions to the plan in fund financial statements on the accrual basis or on the modified accrual basis, whichever applies for the fund(s) used to report the employer's contributions...."

Every employer that has promised its employees subsidized health care benefits upon retirement will incur OPEB costs each day that the employee works because retiree benefits increase. The new GASB Statements will allow for the expected future cost of retiree health care benefits (to the extent that they will be paid by the employer) to accumulate as follows:

A)	Amortization of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued	\$ XXXX
	Liability (UAAL) – The actuarial value of OPEB	
	the employees have already earned (in prior years)	
	recognized over a 30-year maximum period.	

B) Normal Cost – The actuarial value of OPEB that employees have earned during the current year.

Total Annual Required Contribution (ARC) <u>\$ XXX</u>

The Trust

In order to conform to the new GASB pronouncements as a cost-sharing plan, the WV OPEB plan has to be administered in a formal, pension-like trust fund. Due to this requirement, the West Virginia Legislature passed House Bill 4654, creating the Trust, in Chapter 5, Article 16D, of the W. Va. Code.

This Article also assigned PEIA with the administration of the WV OPEB plan. This includes the billing of the (ARC) for OPEB, just like that of the ARC by the Teachers or Public Employees Retirement Systems.

Annual Required Contribution

W. Va. Code §5-16D-6 requires PEIA to bill the entire ARC. The ARC will be billed per active health policy per month. Each employer will record OPEB expense equal to the billed ARC. To the extent that the employers do not pay the full ARC to the Trust, the employers will reflect the remaining liability in their financial statements.

Presently, PEIA is only required to collect the Minimum Annual Employer Payment (MAEP), which is a component of the total ARC. The MAEP includes the retiree subsidy (pay as you go).

The PEIA Finance Board sets the total ARC for the WV OPEB plan every year when the financial plan is developed. The ARC is determined by an actuarial valuation of the OPEB plan.

This amount is billed separately from the normal PEIA billing. Although GASB Statements require each employer to record the additional billing as a liability, they do not require pre-funding. Therefore, it will be up to each individual employer to

determine whether they wish to pay this amount or record it as a liability. See Attachment 1 for further explanation of this computation.

Participant of the WV OPEB Plan?

The determining factor of whether your agency is a participating employer in the WV OPEB plan is related to your retirement plan. If your agency is a member of, and contributes to, the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board, or your agency has a State approved or a State contracted retirement system, then you are a participating employer because your active employees are eligible for this plan if you join PEIA. You are a participant in the WV OPEB plan if you have any employees who are, or who will become eligible for PEIA coverage as retired employees.

If you believe you are none of the above because you do not have retirement benefits or your retirement plan does not meet the above classifications, you are not eligible for OPEB and will join for active membership only. If your agency is not a member of PERS but has an approved retirement plan, you may request to opt out of the WV OPEB plan by completing the attached hold harmless agreement. PEIA will then review this request and advise of its position.

Questions?

Please contact any of the following individuals for questions and they will be happy to assist you:

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Retired Employees

Active employees who retire are eligible for PEIA health and life benefits, provided they meet the minimum eligibility requirements of the applicable State retirement system and if their last employer immediately prior to retirement: is a participating employer under the Consolidated Public Retirement Board (CPRB) and, as of July 1, 2008 forward, is a participating employer with the Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA). Active employees who, as of July 1, 2008, have ten years or more of credited service in the CPRB and whose employer at the time of their retirement does participate with CPRB, but does not participate with PEIA will be eligible for PEIA retiree coverage provided: they otherwise meet all criteria under this heading and their employer agrees, in writing, upon a form prescribed by PEIA, that the employer will pay to PEIA the non-participating retiree premium on behalf of the retiree or retirees, or that the retiree agrees to pay the entire unsubsidized premium themselves. Active employees who are members of the Teacher's Defined Contribution Retirement plan must be either: fifty-five years of age and have twelve or more years of credited service; or be at least sixty years of age with five years of service; and their last employer immediately prior to retirement must be a participating employer under that, or the CPRB system to qualify to continue PEIA insurance benefits upon retirement. Employees who participate in non-State retirement systems but that are CPRB system affiliated, contracted, or approved (such as TIAA-CREF and similar plans), or are approved, in writing, by the PEIA Director must, in the case of education employees, meet the minimum eligibility requirements of the State Teacher's Retirement System, and in all other cases meet the minimum eligibility requirements of the Public Employees Retirement System to be eligible for PEIA benefits as a retiree.

West Virginia Retiree Health Trust Participation (Retiree Trust)

The Retiree Trust is intended to address the Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) liability of employers with current or future retirees participating in the PEIA health plans. State law mandates that all employers with employees who are eligible or who will become eligible to participate in PEIA as retirees are MANDATORY participants in the Retiree Trust. (W. Va. Code §§5-16d-1 et seq.)

Non-State employers may opt out of the Retiree Trust ONLY upon a written Certification, under oath, to PEIA that the employer has no employees who are eligible or who will become eligible to participate in the PEIA health plan as retirees. The employer must also agree to defend and hold PEIA harmless from any and all claims by employees of the employer requesting PEIA coverage. PEIA will provide forms for non-State employers wishing to opt out of the Retiree Trust. PEIA will use the following policies in determining whether or not to accept an employer's opt out request.

WV OPEB Plan Participation Scenario and Policy Development Document

Table 1 is a list of various scenarios concerning participation in the WV OPEB Plan. All scenarios assume employers' participation with PEIA, as well as the retiree definition as of July 1, 2008. Table 2 is a list of policies corresponding to the various scenarios in Table 1.

Any employer that opts out of the WV OPEB plan, but remains in PEIA, must still contribute to the Trust at the minimum annual required payment (MARP) level, currently "paygo". When an employer opts out of the WV OPEB plan, they are opting out of retiree eligibility and the billing of the remaining ARC.

Table 1					
List of Scenarios Regarding Employer WV OPEB Plan Participation					
	CPRB				
	Participating	Retirees in PEIA	Retirees in PEIA		
	Employer	Currently	in past		
Employer Wishes t	o Opt Out of WV O	PEB Plan			
Scenario 1	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Scenario 2	No	Yes	Yes		
Scenario 3	No	No	Yes		
Scenario 4	No	No	No		
Scenario 5	Yes	No	No		
Employer Wishes t	o Participate in WV	OPEB Plan			
Scenario 6	No	No	No		
Scenario 7	No	No	Yes		
Scenario 8	No	Yes	Yes		
Scenario 9	No	Yes	No		
No Action From Er	nployer				
Scenario 10	No	No	No		
Scenario 11	No	No	Yes		
Scenario 12	No	Yes	Yes		
Scenario 13	No	Yes	No		
	Tak	ole 2			
Policies For Scen	arios Regarding Em	ıployer WV OPEB P	lan Participation		
Employer Wishes t	o Opt Out of WV O	PEB Plan			
Scenario 1	Reject opt out request. Employer participates in both PEIA and CPRB.				
Scenario 2		t based on current PEI oply for opt out upon			

	Table 2
	(continued)
Scenario 3	Approve opt out request if employer signs hold harmless agreement and the past retiree participation is now beyond 5 years from last retiree's termination from PEIA; or
	Reject opt out request based on past retirees. Employer may be able to re-apply for opt out upon 5 years of no retiree participation in PEIA.
Scenario 4	Approve opt out request if employer signs hold harmless agreement.
Scenario 5	Reject opt out request. Employer participates in both PEIA and CPRB.
Employer Wishes	o Participate in WV OPEB Plan
Scenario 6	Approve, if Director approves retirement plan.
Scenario 7, 8 and 9	Approve, if Director approves retirement plan; or
	Effective January 1, 2013, new retirees must have 10 years of service as of January 1, 2013 to be eligible and Agency will be removed from the WV OPEB plan upon 5 years from last retiree's termination date.
No Action from En	nployer
Scenario 10	Advise of new law and request decision to apply for approval of retirement plan.
	Failure to submit and receive approval of retirement plan will result in removal from WV OPEB plan eligibility.
Scenario 11, 12 and 13	Advise of new law and request decision to apply for approval of retirement plan. Advise they had been grandfathered due to past or present participation and, without approval of retirement plan, effective January 1, 2013, new retirees must have 10 years of service as of January 1, 2013 to be eligible or employer may request to opt out if there have been no retirees in the last 5 years and signs a hold harmless agreement.

Employer Withdrawal from PEIA

If a <u>CPRB</u> participating employer withdraws their active employees from <u>PEIA</u>, they may still be required to pay the non-participating premiums for their retirees remaining in <u>PEIA</u>; however, they will no longer be considered a participating employer in the <u>WV OPEB</u>. It will be the employer's responsibility to determine their OPEB expense and liability.

West Virginia Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund Opt Out/Hold Harmless Agreement And Sworn Affidavit

WHEREAS, West Virginia Law has made participation in the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency available to certain non-State employers and to certain eligible employees and retired employees of those non-State employers; and

WHEREAS, certain non-State employers have, therefore, had or will have retired employees participating in the Public Employees Insurance Agency; and

WHEREAS, the national Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued a certain pronouncement (GASB 45) which requires that and dictates how employers account for the present and future cost of providing Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) to their retired employees; and

WHEREAS, the West Virginia Legislature has created in W.Va. Code §5-16d-1 et seq.,
the West Virginia Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund to address the collective OPEB liability of
employers with present or future retired employees participating in the West Virginia Public
Employees Insurance Agency; and

WHEREAS, the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency has been charged by the Legislature with administering the West Virginia Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund on behalf of West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, W. Va. Code §5-16-2 permits certain non-State employers to opt out of participation in the OPEB plan of the West Virginia Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund, upon a written certification under oath, that the employer has no present or future retired employees who are or will become eligible for coverage by the Public Employees Insurance Agency.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the ability to opt out of the OPEB plan and consistent with the provisions of W. Va. Code §5-16-2 and intending to be forever legally bound, the below-signed fully authorized representative of the below-designated non-State employer does, upon their sworn oath agree that:

- They are duly authorized to enter this agreement on behalf of the below-designated non-State employer, and that the governing body of the non-State employer elects to opt out of the aforesaid OPEB plan;
- The below-designated non-State employer does not now have any present or former employees that are eligible to participate in the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency as "Retired Employees" as defined in W.Va. Code §5-16-2;
- The below designated non-State employer does not have any former, present or future employees who will become eligible to participate in the West Virginia Public

- Employees Insurance Agency as Retired Employees as that term is defined at W.Va. Code §5-16-2;
- 4. As mandated in W.Va. Code § 5-16-2, the below-designated non-State employer will forever and completely hold harmless and defend the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency, the West Virginia Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund, the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency Finance Board, and the State of West Virginia (Collectively, the "State Entities") from any and all claims of any former, present, or future employee of said non-State employer or any of its affiliated entities, sub-divisions, or assigns which in any way relate to the assertion by the employee or employees that the State Entities must provide health, drug, or life coverage to the employee or employees as Retired Employees, of the non-State employer as that term is defined in W.Va. Code §5-16-2;
- 5. The below-signed fully authorized representative upon their sworn oath understands and agrees to all terms and statements contained in this document and understands that they are legally binding the below-designated non-State employer to those terms and statements;
- That the below-designated non-State employer does and is permitted to opt out of the OPEB plan of the W. Va. Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund.

- Employees Insurance Agency as Retired Employees as that term is defined at W.Va.

 Code §5-16-2;
- 4. As mandated in W.Va. Code § 5-16-2, the below-designated non-State employer will forever and completely hold harmless and defend the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency, the West Virginia Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund, the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency Finance Board, and the State of West Virginia (Collectively, the "State Entities") from any and all claims of any former, present, or future employee of said non-State employer or any of its affiliated entities, sub-divisions, or assigns which in any way relate to the assertion by the employee or employees that the State Entities must provide health, drug, or life coverage to the employee or employees as Retired Employees, of the non-State employer as that term is defined in W.Va. Code §5-16-2;
- 5. The below-signed fully authorized representative upon their sworn oath understands and agrees to all terms and statements contained in this document and understands that they are legally binding the below-designated non-State employer to those terms and statements;
- That the below-designated non-State employer does and is permitted to opt out of the OPEB plan of the W. Va. Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund.

AGREED to, taken,	subscribed and sworn to on this	_, day of
	, 20	
DULY AUTHORIZED SIG	GNATURE REPRESENTATIVE	
Printed Name:		
Signature:		
Title:		
Non-State Employer Name:		
I,	, a Notary Public of	County, do
certify that the names signe	d to the writing above bearing date on the	day of
	, have this day acknowledged the same before	me.
Given under my hand this	day of	, 20
My commission expires:		
AGREED TO: WEST VIE	RGINIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INSURANCE AGE	NCY
Printed Name:		
Signature:		
Title:		
Date:		